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'EVERYBODY'S GIRLFRIEND'



usic inspired by the Amiga? Strange but true! Not to long ago I got a letter from David Pleasance the ex Managing Director of Commodore. Blimey, what was this about, this is a very high powered man to be writing me a letter. It seems that he is involved with a company called Tangent Music Designs. They are David himself and two other partners, Edward Fermour, who played live on the Commodore stand at the FES in 1993 and who has a long and elaborate history in the music industry, and Richard Knox, another of musical types.

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Essentially what we have here are some talented guys who have decided to put together an album of music dedicated to and inspired by the Amiga. When I first heard of the idea I have to admit that I was rather dubious about the whole idea but after several phone conversations with **David Pleasance I decided that** maybe it wasn't such a strange idea. This project is, it seems, the brain child of David himself and together with two other talented musicians he has set about turning this idea into a reality. One of the main aspects of the music production seems to be aimed at showing off just how good Amiga technology is in the recording studio. David



Pleasance is obviously very passionate about the Amiga and this is demonstrated in the creation of this album. There are fourteen tracks and from what we hear it should be quite something! David is a firm believer that the Amiga needs to raise it's standards in order to stay in the game. He recognises the tough period that the marque is presently going through at the moment. His suggestions to bring the Amiga up to spec include the introduction of a standard A1200 with a CD ROM. He also feels that there are several ways in which the Amiga could penetrate the

Enterprising Escom

t the time of going to print there were rumours that ESCOM are planning more with the Amiga than anyone had originally expected. There have been accusations that ESCOM were aiming to simply have one last hit at the Amiga market before concentrating on the Commodore PC market and development. This it seems is not the case. There are rumours of an A1300? We have also heard talk of standard CD ROMs. When we know exactly what is planned we will let you know but until then keep your eyes and ears open!

Music industry having a MIDI as a low cost optional extra being one suggestion. Well who knows what ESCOM have in store for us, Read on and we'll tell you!

If you wish to order a copy of "Everybody's Girlfriend" there is a credit card hotline on 0181 573 5614 and postal orders can be sent to "Everybody's Girlfriend", Tangent Music, Dial House, Unit 6, Peter James Business Centre, Pump Lane, Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 3NT.







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an you believe it. Yet again we bring you yet another storming game with the One Amiga, your favourite Amiga mag. This time we bring you Hollywood Hustler! This is the game that was reviewed in our October issue and scored a big 85%. Here's what we had to say about it,

"This game is really good. It will probably only appeal at first to those of you who actually like poker or who like the idea of knowing more however there are several people in the office with no prior knowledge of the game who have ended up really getting into this game. You have three levels of difficulty, rookie average and Hustler. This means that even as an uninitiated player you should be able to get to grips with things. Hell that shouldn't be a problem. The play is based on some serious research of real poker players and the bluffing is all

the hang of the

game you will start to pick up all the bluffing tactics that are involved and then you will start to see what's going on and how you can play your cards to your best advantage. The manual gives you a good introduction to the rules of the game and from here on in

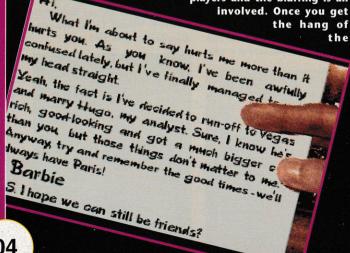
it's down to you and the luck of the draw. You can play either fifteen, twenty-five or unlimited hands. This game could go on for ever? Well 999 hands anyway.... " not bad hey? There's more...

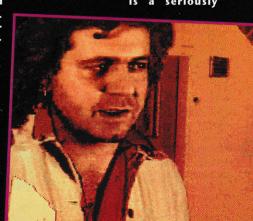
"I like this game, I mean I really like this game. Hollywood Hustler is as refreshing as a cold lager on a hot summers day. Here is a game that

been nurtured throughout it's creation. The developers of this game really look on it as their baby, well that's the impression I get anyway. The whole package from the innovative box design to the game itself is something new. This game is nothing like your average computer game where you face impossible missions or take on implausible roles. This

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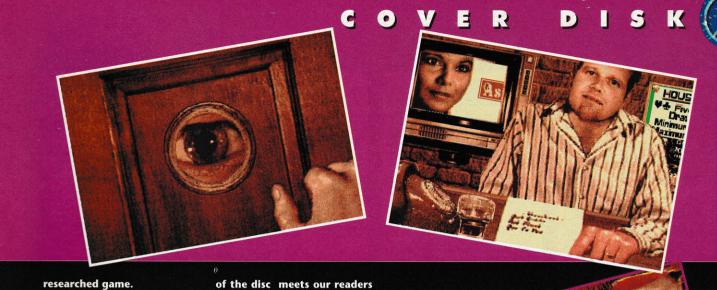
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What game is it? Well it's poker. Straight and simple poker. For those of you who know nothing about poker, let me tell you that this is one of the finest card games known to mankind. It is a game of luck, tactics, bluffing and money, big money, fortunes can be lost and made across the card table. Until recently I to was one of the uninitiated, now however I am worldly wise. Poker is a lot of fun but this game takes it to new heights. The playing screen of this game remains fairly much the same throughout the game... The game is all part of a story. You take on the role of a man who is having a very bad day. You are on Sunset boulevard, a strip that runs through all that Hollywood has to offer, glamour, wealth and endless shattered dreams. So what can I say. The game was priced at £24.95 and available through mail order but now it's free with the One Amiga.

LOADING

We still have our rather simplified loading procedure and this month as we have the game all on one disk it's even easier, no insert disk two prompts to follow. All you have to do is stick the disk in it's slot and then turn on your machine, ace or what! Well

you think so when you get your sticky mitts on this game. It's one hell of a game! CONDITIONS

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HOLLYWOOD HUSTLER.

INTRODUCTION

Hey, forget all those bleeps and lifeless cartoon characters. Welcome to the real world - the real hard-core gambling world of HOLLYWOOD HUSTLER!

HOLLYWOOD HUSTLER is the product HOLLYWOOD HUSTLER is the product of a creative collaboration between two brothers, Robin Keen, screenwriter & experienced Hollywood movie-world hustler, and Bridge international & Maths grad Dave Keen, PhD - a.k.a. "The Doc". The result is the ultimate card game, not only because of the wholly authentic and compelling nature of its play, but also its innovative use of digital graphics and sampled sound, which provide a new and exciting which provide a new and exciting frontier of realism. So, now Friday night... Saturday night... any night...



Could be your lucky night, punk!

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THE STORY SO FAR

I don't know the time, but it's late. Seems like I've been walking these streets for ever. A sign up ahead reminds me that I'm still on Sunset. Sunset Boulevard, that legendary pathway that runs through the glamour and the pathway that runs through the glamour and the sleaze, the dreams and the nightmares of Hollywood. As I stop at a street corner, the spicy aroma of Mexican food hits me from a late-night diner opposite. The depressing drone of Mariachi music mingles with the hum of a neon sign from a poker club next-door. A sudden gust of wind snatches at a letter in my hand.

It's been one of those days, you know the sort I mean. I should've known from the moment I woke that today was going to be a bummer... with a capital B! I switched on the radio to hear a warning that the Santa Anas were due to hit town. What was it that crown prince of L.A. novelists Raymond Chandler said about times when those damned desert winds blow? "Anything can happen." And sure enough today it did... in spades!

I rolled into work like any normal day. I drive I rolled into work like any normal day. I anve one of those goofy tour buses over at Universal Studios. Candy-striped contraptions, full of starry-eyed families from hometown USA and eager groups of oriental tourists pointing expensive cameras. "Okay folks, now we're gonna relive that great scene from The Ten ndments and cross the Red Sea.

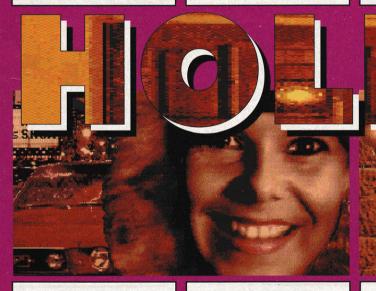
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Don't ask me why, but today, instead of waiting as usual for the waters of the mechanized backlot see to part, I drove straight on. Moments later, amid bizarre scenes of angry baptized passengers and water-spouting cameras, I was being dealt my cards. An instant career-move - farewell the land of nstant career-move - farewell Dreams and Money, hello Welfare!

Armed with a final pay-check, I drove to my local bar and proceeded to get drunk. Still, despite my bad luck, at least I knew that waiting for me at home was my faithful everloving babe, Barbie. With that uplifting thought, I downed a final beer and headed back to our apartment, a cheap but cheerful pad in one of Hollywood's less glitzy neighborhoods. However, on arriving there was no sinn of Barbie, only a folded note with my sign of Barbie, only a folded note with my no sign of Barbie, only a folded note with my name on the front. Funny, no kisses. I opened it. The first words were something about being confused, the rest you can read between the linest Like great philosophers throughout the ages, I sat and contemplated my life, the crumby state of my existence. Jobless, and now babeless! I had to start making some decisions, like cosmic and big. So I did, I hit the hottle again!

Just as the rye was running dry, there was a knock at the door. My heart skipped a beat. I thought, "it's all been a mistake, she's back."

But no, it was just a repo man bearing yet more good news. Seems I was behind on my



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He gave me some papers and I gave him the keys. Considering how things were going, fair exchange, I guess.

Anyway, back to my lonely street corner. With liquor-misted eyes, I look around at the glimmering lights of Hollywood, trapped like a moth in the even brighter flame of the surrounding metropolis of L.A. Los Angeles. Some folks call it the city of Lost Angels. Now I was one of the lost...

THE CAST

JOE - A weird prodigy of the Sixties. After having spent most of that decade on another planet, and much of the time since in a Zen Buddhist commune, Joe now manages the Pussycat porno-theater across the street. However, don't be fooled by the shirt and tie, he's still as way-out as ever. Om! mani-pad-me Om! - va dig?

MONTANA SLIM - The somewhat unsavory chef from the diner next to the club. Slim is a man of many vices, from booze to broads, gambling to gluttony. He just loves his own cooking, especially his infamous red-hot chilli. So you've been warned!

CHUCK - Would-be movie star who works as a nightclerk at the motel down the block. So far, his rugged goodlooks haven't landed him any major parts, though they have attracted a few potshots from jealous husbands.

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JACKIE - Miss Astrodate - A pretty, smalltown girl who came in search of the Hollywood Dream, but found only a walk-on/take 'em off role at the exotic cabaret lounge nearby. Jackie's one lonely and disillusioned chick. Have you got what it takes? Could you be the guy that takes her away from it all?

LOADING

After ensuring that a joystick is connected to your machine, insert the INTRO DISK and switch on. Once you have completed the initial protection check, you will be offered one of protection ch three choices:

- 1. Do nothing and you will see the full Intro A must for all first-time players!
- 2. Press the fire-button for an edited version of
- 3. Push Right for direct entry to the club.

DISK SWAPS

In order not to detract from HOLLYWOOD HUSTLER'S general cinematic style, all disk messages have been eliminated.

Once you have completed the standard signing once you have completed us satisfact assigning in process and the notice board has appeared insert the GAME DISK. Then press the fire button, which is the general method of advancing throughout the game.



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When the game is over and the Score-Box has displayed the final outcome, "YOU'VE WON..." or "YOU OWE...", insert the END DISK and press the fire-button to update the score data press the fire-button to update the score data and run the appropriate end sequence. The game offers three varied endings dependent upon the level of your success. One a slight tease, one a definite pain, and the third... TOP HI-SCORES - HUSTLER LEVEL ONLY... too hot for words! After experiencing your fate and the final credits are on screen, insert the GAME DISK once more and press the fire-button. This will return you to the DISK MENU and allow you to start a NEW GAME.

NOTE - To finish an UNLIMITED GAME press F on the keyboard. This will update the *Hi-Score* table and roll the relevant end sequence.

DISK & OPTIONS MENUS

When using the DISK MENU the first step you must normally take is to decide on the manner of game you wish to play.

- 1. Press SELECT LEVEL to view the OPTIONS
- 2. Move the cursor over the level you wish to play ROOKIE, AVERAGE, or for the real man's game, HUSTLER, and press the fire-button
- 3. Next, using the same method, select the number of hands you want to play 15, 25, or for a heavy session, UNLIMITED (999 Hands).

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At this point, you can opt to view the HI-SCORE table for the level you have chosen, or move directly to start a NEW GAME or LOAD

SAVING A GAME

At the end of each hand - i.e. when the Score-At the end of each nano -1.6. When the Score Box is on screen - you can exit the game by pressing Q on the keyboard, followed by the fire-button. This will return you to the DISK MENU, where you can then select SAVE GAME and store your current attempt.

All saves are stored on the GAME DISK, which All saves are stored on the GAME DISK, Which must always remain with its write-protection removed. One save for each of the nine types of game can be stored on this disk. The GAME DISK can be freely copied, and it is strongly recommended that you make all your saves on a copied version, thus avoiding the risk of a copies version, thus avoiding the risk of damage occurring to your original disk. If you wish to store more than one save of a certain level, simply make another copy of the GAME DISK prior to play and proceed from there. You can now select a new game format or continue with the existing level by pressing NEW GAME.

RULES OF THE GAME

The basic rules of Five Card Draw Poker - the classic American bar-room and casino game - are reasonably simple, though the tactical aspects of play are a tad more complex as you will discover later.



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 At the start of every hand each player deposits \$5 in the pot, your opening stake.

2. You are then dealt five cards, which forms the basis of your hand.

The various types of hand are listed below in ascending order of value.

	EXAMPLES
HIGH CARD ONLY	Je 80 94 74 60
PAIR	A A A 8 7 4 4
TWO PAIR	Ko Ko 70 74 40
THREE OF A KIND	50 54 54 44 80
STRAIGHT/RUN	24 34 44 54 64
FLUSH	34 84 64 44 94
FULL HOUSE	44 44 49 64 64
FOUR OF A KIND	8 8 8 8 8 JW
STRAIGHT FLUSH	50 60 70 80 90

NOTE - Aces are counted as high.

- After assessing the potential of your hand, you can either continue or DROP, the latter move costing you only your original stake.
- 4. If you decide to proceed with your hand, you will encounter a round of betting, after which you can change up to 3 cards.
- 5. The betting then continues until all but one of the players Drap, or all those remaining CHECK and expose their cards, either way producing a winner. If several hands are closely matched, each player's cards will be compared to the last feature to determine the winner.

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However, should two or more hands be completely tied - i.e. containing cards of identical value, albeit in different suits - the pot will be split equally among the players involved.

CONTROLS DROP \$ CHECK BET/ RAISE S

The illustration above shows the game control panel, through which you communicate your decisions by using the following simple joystick commands:

To DROP move joystick to select the correct text panel and press the fire-button.

To CHECK move joystick to highlight the required panel and press the fire-button - This will cost you the amount featured in the box, though sometimes the value will be nil if you happen to be the first player or those before you have declined to make a bet.

To BET/RAISE move joystick to activate the appropriate panel, then press the fire-button. Moving the joystick UP now allows you to increase your bet in stages between \$10 and \$25. Pulling DOWN will lower the amount if you happen to be a tad too eager. Once you have settled on your Bet/Raise, just press the fire-button again to confirm.

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CHANGING CARDS

At the appropriate stage of the hand a cursor will appear round your first card. You can now change up to three cards, though of course if Lady Luck has been really kind you may not wish to change any. Use the joystick to move from card to card. Pull DOWN to remove unwanted cards, or push UP to restore a card in the event of an error. When you have finished making your discards, HOLD the firebutton Down and push RIGHT. Your new cards, if requested, will then be dealt.

THE COMPETITION

Most computer card-games can be fun for a while, but eventually they become predictable and boring. However, HOLLYWOOD HUSTLER is different. Each time you play, your computer opponents Joe, Chuck and the legendary Montana Slim provide you with a fresh challenge. So, just when you think you've got of Slim sussed as gutless, a breeze... he'll blow you away!

Wow! You've finally made it on to the *Hi-Score* table, huh? Ah, but watch out next time, because any of these guys can rob of you of your proud position and knock you straight back into the cruel depths of obscurity. To be a winner at HOLLYWOOD HUSTLER, you will need to be one mean card player - a genuine Hustler worthy of taking on the best Vegas has to offer.

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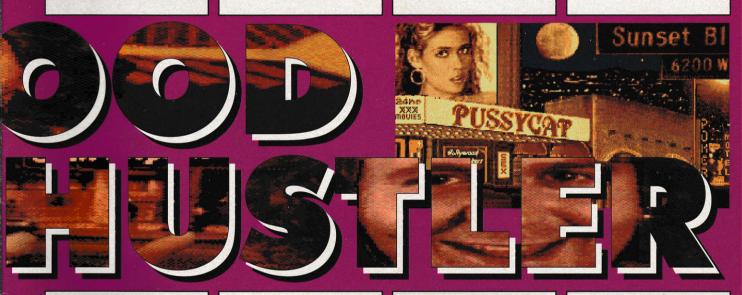
Unlike most computer card-games, your opponents don't have the power to cheat - i.e. possess knowledge of your hand. They don't need tol Once you've played against these guys you'll know that artificial intelligence is here, and with a vengeance! They watch, they listen, they analyze... and in your darkest moments you could be forgiven for thinking they're actually... no, that's crazy!

CARD-SCHOOL

If from the initial deal you are sat with what looks like a winning hand try to keep the other players in as long as possible - don't scare them off with wild betting - give them the chance to change cards and acquire at least some semblance of a decent hand - before going the whole hog and letting rip with \$25s. It is not enough just to win, the art of the game is to win enough, certainly if you want to make the Hi-Score tables.

If your hand is only average, you could try to improve the odds of victory by upping the stakes a little, hopefully encouraging some of the others to drop and thereby narrowing the opposition.

If your hand is useless, basically the proverbial crock of ****!, you can either *Drop* and minimize your losses, or if you're feeling adventurous, you could try to pull a bluff with some heavy betting! No, I said betting not petting - that comes later!



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With three players still in the game, such tactics would be unadvisable. However, with only one player confronting you, it could well be worth a try. In fact, a certain degree of bluffing and erratic play is essential if you wish to avoid becoming too predictable to your opponents. They'll use these same cunning techniques and many more against you, you can bet on it!

The next step in your card-school education is to start watching and listening. For instance, how many cards did your opponent change? If three, then the most he could have had was a Pair. If one, possibly Two Pair, four cards of a Flush or perhaps the makings of a Straight -Now he's sat there with a good hand, a real humdinger or perhaps absolutely zilch. In order to further solve the mystery, consider how eager he was during the first stage of betting, and how the level of his enthusiasm has changed. Apply these techniques to all three players and you will begin to understand the name of the game.

SNEAK PREVIEW

Imagine the scene... it is the last hand of the session and you are desperately close to beating the top score on Hustler Level, a mere stone's throw from achieving that final mysterious ending. You have three Aces and the pot is heaving with eight hundred bucks in it. All that stands between you and victory is the Big Man himself...

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Slim has been quiet all night, barring his usual enlightened outbursts, but now he is chucking those chips about like bar-nuts. "Raise ya twenty-five!" resounds round the hushed club. Although Slim's had a lean time at the table, it's certainly done nothing to dampen his thirst, as the weary Waitress will vouch. "Is he just smashed." you think to yourself, "or is that really a good hand he's got there?"

For a brief moment the pressure plays tricks on your senses - a breath of exotic perfume wafts toward you from out of nowhere, and the image of a beautiful sunrise flashes before your eyes.

Now the pot reaches a thousand, a cool grand! Funny how hot you're feeling, your throat dry and your palms clammy. Suddenly the floor beneath you shakes and the lights briefly fail. A slight earth tremor. Well, this is L.A.

However, you decide it's an omen and dump your cards. Slim takes the pot. Your mind instantly fills with a flood of second-thoughts and silent curses. Was there a better hand lurking there, or nothing more than Jack high? A real twenty-four carat bluff? Perhaps you should've checked and seen his cards. But you didn't, so you'll never know. You struggle to console yourself with the fact that you've at least improved your standing on the Hi-Score table. Meanwhile, oi' Slim fixes you with his usual inscrutable stare and hollers out, "More juice, babe!"

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QUICK GUIDE

BUTTON PRESS - General command to advance the game. Confirms all selections, as well as acknowledging change of Disk, depositing opening stake, clearing *Score-Box* etc.

JOYSTICK UP - Increases value of your Bet/Raise, or corrects errors in your change of cards.

JOYSTICK DOWN - Allows you to remove unwanted cards during change, or decrease value of your *Bet/Raise*.

JOYSTICK LEFT/RIGHT - Moves cursor back and forth along your cards when changing. Also, a RIGHT PUSH, combined with HOLDING DOWN the fire-button, confirms your choice of discards.

KEYBOARD PRESS Q - Enables you to exit the game and return to the Disk Menu.

KEYBOARD PRESS F - Requests the finish of an UNLIMITED game.

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They brought us the excellent Time Keepers ,an adventure in space and time. Now they bring us Hillsea Lido, an adventure in Portsmouth! Just what are Vulcan software up to?

spent several years living in Portsmouth and I have seen the wonders that the real Hillsea Lido has to offer and believe you me they are not all that wonderful, however now here is my chance to save that concrete ruin that looks over some rather muddy polluted looking water in the Portsmouth vicinity.

The game is all controlled with the use of the mouse. It's easy to control and the idea is very simple. You have to create a thriving tourist spot



his is the ultimate seaside management game. Not that there are a lot about but this is the best. If you always fancied running a stretch of promenade, a pier and a bit of beach then this is the game for you. Personally I've never really thought about it. Running a town or a theme park seem like fun but a beach front is not something I've considered. Now though it is on my list of future possibilities. Hillsea Lido is as much fun as most simulation games. It's set on a much smaller scale than some of the better known management simulation games but this doesn't detract from the fun of the game. I've always been a big fan of such games with Sim City being high up on my list of favourites. This is a strange game though. I

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along your beach front. No problem I've spent the whole of my life living on the seafront and I must know what makes a successful tourist trap. Not so easy! I soon found that this game is actually quite a challenge. There is a lot to take into account. The preview copy I had tried out was unfinished and I had no instructions so it meant that I could put my dismal failure down to these two facts. Now however I had absolutely no excuse. There is a great deal more to running Hillsea Lido than

meets the eye.
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it's not all that easy to balance the books. There are also all sorts of examples of government intervention, health inspectors for a start. The whole game really does represent some serious challenges, You might get a superb beachfront but your promenade could be failing badly! It's all down to how you spend your money and how you put together your shops and services.





THE VERDICT

This game is very like Theme Park. However it isn't in my opinion quite as good. It is on a much smaller scale. Despite the fact that this isn't the best management simulator that I've ever played it is a lot of fun. also I have to confess to being a bit of a fan of Vulcan Software. Time Keepers was simply stunning and although this is not as good it still has the same wonderful production values, the odd sound effects and the same great graphic style. The graphics aren't however state of the art and the movement isn't the greatest, it's rather jerky. However at the end of the day this sort of game isn't all about graphics, it's more about gameplay and the gameplay is pretty good. The most important thing about the game is it's

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value for money. if we had a score box for value for money then this would with out a doubt score ten out of ten. We are comparing it to full price games and it stands up reasonably well but this game is only a mere £12.99. Now that really is a bargain. It's also packaged in a tiny little box like Timekeepers. This is part of the mini series and I like It: Small cheap games that are of high quality. and really why do most Amiga games need such huge boxes when they only have a few discs and pamphlets with giant print for instruction manuals. Well if you are looking for a bargain game this Christmas as a stocking filler then this is it. £12.99 isn't cheap but it's cheaper than a lot and it really is a bargain.

A1200

CD32

Vulcan won't be releasing any AGA spefifc versions of the game, but the A500 version runs fine on our A1200.

You CD32 owners are stuffed though.



With both Fears and Gloom already in the shops, has Team 17's latest Alien Breed game come too late? Let's join erstwhile editor Lee Brown in his quest to find out....

t all happened so long ago now. Doom, that is. Actually, that's not true at all, because Doom only happened about a year and a half ago, and that really isn't that long is it? It just seems like ages because there have been so many different Doom clones in the meantime. That is, of course, on the PC. The Amiga has unfortunately had to wait all this time to receive it's third Doom clone.

Of course, if you want to find out what I think about the game, you'll have to go and read the verdict box that's hiding over the page because as usual all you'll find out in this

extensive overview is what the game is about, how it works and the whole caboodle. So, what have we here then. It's Alien Breed 3D, the latest in the Alien Breed series from Team 17, and to be perfectly honest it's easily the best of the bunch. That's not to say the others were no

good though!
Storyline? Well, not much of one to talk about really, the usual marine type chap forced to go into battle because of escaped alien meanies kind of thing. But what of those of you who have never seen or played Doom, how about if I described the whole thing to you? How would that be, eh?







Alright then. Many of you Amigaoids out there must certainly have been envious of your mates with their Atari. STs at some stage. You see, they had the master of all dungeon games, the undisputed king Dungeon Master on a paltry half meg at least a year before the Amiga's slow 1 meg version appeared.

As you might recall, Dungeon Master was set in a maze with textured walls and floors which s i m p l y f l i p p e d between screens as you moved. Well, Doom takes the idea just one step further. Instead of simply flipping between screens, Doom actually had the wall moving backwards as you walked on, so you could watch the texture wall move by. Not only that, whereas in D.M. you could only turn at

exact right angles, and every room was a rectangle of some description, in Doom rooms could be any shape, and you could turn through a full 360 degrees at any angle you liked.

Now, bearing in mind this amazing moving maze, you'd have thought the game-play wasn't up top much. Wrong sucker. Doom played one hell of a game, and had you as a marine sent in to clean up an escaped alien menace (surprise, surprise). Blood, and gore scored heavily on the graphics front, and everything was generally over the top. Well, the Amiga's first Doom pretenders Gloom and Fears weren't bad actually. They captured some of the great game's features, and generally made Amiga owners happy. However, Alien Breed is an entirely different kettle of fish. This games takes the Doom mantle and adds lots of bits of gold braiding to make it even more special.

One of the best examples of this is in the water. In Alien Breed 3D you can go underwater, and search for weapons and health, etc. This water is physically different to air too, because you move slower, and the sound effects become noticeably more echoey. As well as the water, AB3D also allows you to duck to proceed under low areas, and under half open doors. The main game is identical though, with a choice of five weapons each doing a greater amount of damage than the last, health constantly diminishing from alien attacks, and keys to be found for locked

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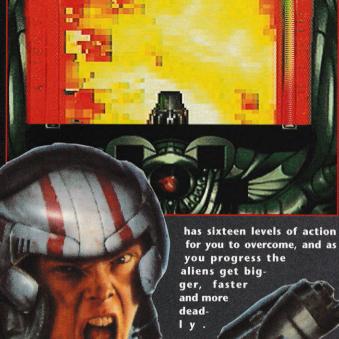
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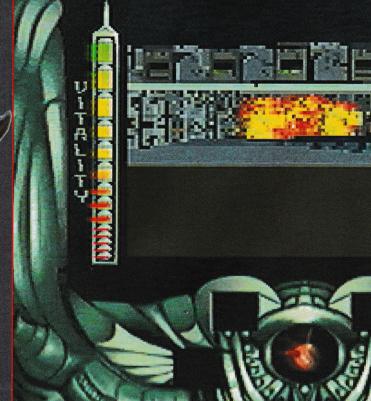
all the possible keyboard functions on the pad, from running and opening doors, to selecting weapons and ducking. So, what else can I tell you

So, what else can I tell you before you lose interest in the whole thing and head for the verdict box? Well, I could always tell you about the fact that the game allows you to remove the high definition floors and ceilings, and make then either gouraud shaded, standard texture mapped,

solid coloured shaded or simply black. Naturally on a standard A1200 the game shambles along a little bit, but with solid colour floors it fair zips along. Anything else then? Alright what about the two player link up mode, which lets you join together two A1200s and play a two-player death match between yourselves? What else do want to know? How about what I think? Why not head to the verdict box then fools!



The controls are a cinch. If you want to use the keyboard you can, and the mouse control too is excellent. I found by far the best way to move your character around though was with a CD32 control pad, which allowed



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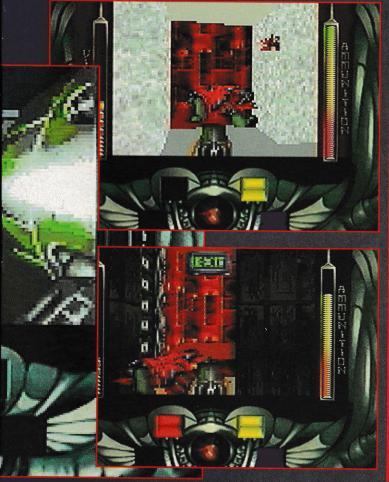
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THE VERDICT

So, what is it like then? Hmmm, it's actually bloody good. It is the best of the Doom clones on the Amiga A1200 by far, and is far more like Doom than any of the others. Of course, that could be held against it as a lack of originality but with the added extras of both ducking and underwater sections it is an unfounded claim.

It's not all good though, unlike Gloom the window area cannot be resized and the resolution cannot be changed to help with speed. The only option you have on this front is to lower the resolution of the floors and ceilings, which does help speed up the game a great deal. Generally the graphics are fine, although really they are of too low a resolution for my liking. I found myself being shot by a small group of pixels in the distance and was forced to move forwards taking more hits until I could actually see what has hitting me, before selecting the appropriate weapon and firing back.

The game is certainly challenging enough for even the most talented games players, and as yet I have been playing for several days and haven't beaten level four yet. Secret areas abound on the first few levels, and by level four I had already amassed all the weapons that the game had to offer. Perhaps a more gentle learning curve would have been better?

In any case, the game is excellent Although I might have minor gripes about the graphics there is no doubting that

the gameplay is superb. The atmosphere generated by the combination of graphics and the excellent sound effects is quite terrifying, and you find yourself wary of travelling down the corridors in case you come across one of the monsters.

And what monsters! Certainly some of the designs are base on doom, including the giant fireball-throwing eyes, but the hounds of hell that attack you on early levels are original to say the least. As I explained I have yet to see beyond the early stages, but I'm sure bigger and better creatures await the full force of my rocket launcher in the chops!

I really have nothing left to say on the game except this. If you have an A1200 or A4000, and have yet to buy a Doomclone because you thought this would be the best, you were right. Go and get it now! Should you be lucky enough to have a friend who also owns an A1200 then you are in like flint mate, with some of the best two-player blasting I've ever seen. Just think on this though, if you have already bought a Doomclone then this really isn't that different to warrant another purchase, and if you're waiting for the best, then I have a feeling the improved Gloom Deluxe might give Alien Breed 3D a proper run for its money. Time will tell....

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A CD32 version should be in the shops about now. And it's exactly the same!

Nope, this is AGA only. You'd better get a new machine.



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Gloom was great! Will this be any better? I reckon so!

loom Deluxe is the next addition to the Gloom stables. This is the game that we reviewed in the first ever Maverick edition of The One Amiga. What did it score, an amazing 90%. So will the deluxe version offer us anything new and what will it be like. Well first of all for those of you who don't know what the original is like, here's a bit of what we had to

say about it, "My first impres-

sions of Gloom weren't very

good as the cynic in me thought that the Amiga just couldn't pull of this style of game. The play window is initially small but by messing with the options it is possible to make the window much larger. Other options allow resolution changes etc. which can be customised until the game runs at the desired speed/smoothness.

The emphasis of the game is on action, and there is plenty

of it. Just when you thought things had quietened down you'll

stumble on a switch which will unleash a horde of psycho skinheads or rampaging robots, all of which want your spleen for their tea.

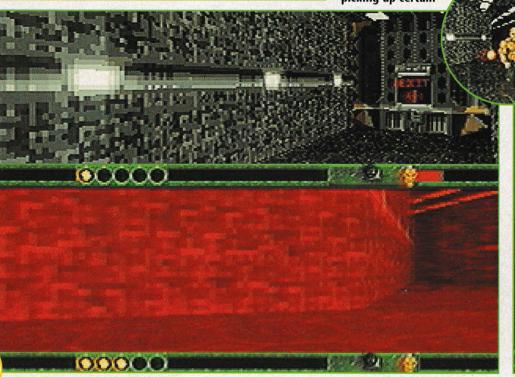
The only disappointing thing I can think of is that there is a distinct lack of weapons. Only one gun can be carried at a time and this can be

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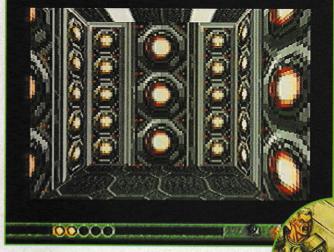
icons. The guns get quite beefy but the ability to carry a massive arsenal and swap between shotguns, bazookas, et al is sadly missing. Also the ammo supply is infinite and so accuracy isn't important. There could have been tense moments late on in the game when fighting hard monsters with little ammo but no.

Anyone expecting Doom has another thing coming this is a completely different game and has many original touches

and the only similarities between the



GLOOM DELUXE





level of extreme violence and the fact that they are both bloody brilliant. Buy it now and get ready to wade knee deep in guts and entrails."As you can see we are pretty keen on this game, and right-

Deluxe promises much of the same just improved a bit. So what are all these new bits and pieces that make this game Gloom Deluxe and not just Gloom? Firstly and probably most importantly there are three new stages with all new graphics! ooo er! There is the Spacehulk 2 level, The Aztec level and the Egyptian level. As well as all this there are a few extra technical bits and pieces that all help make it a better game. I'll bore you with some details. To start with there is

a new and improved graphics

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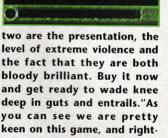
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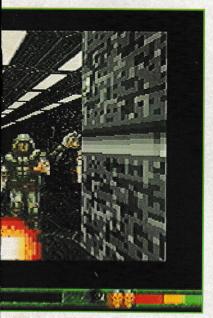
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ble". Well what the first part of this means is that you have even more options to use in order to make the game run as smoothly as possible with as bigger screen size as possible. By turning the resolution down you will find that you can get a very smooth game with the screen on full size. Obviously the graphics will suffer a bit but it certainly isn't unplayable. As for all the

rest it's all flash gear that most of us don't own! On top of this it is possible to play this version on a workbench screen so you can "multitask", lucky you! There is also improved modem support so you have even more modem options to play distant friends and relatives. Will it all be worth £29.99? Well read our review in the next issue (maybe!) and you shall see!











orms has to be the most entertainment I've ever had on an Amiga. And I really

t has to be said that recently we have seen a fairly good crop of new Amiga games and the promise of some excellent future releases. As far as I'm concerned this is excellent news. How can anyone say that the Amiga is on it's way out with games as good as flight of The Amazon Queen, Coala, Super Tennis Champs, Alien Breed 3D, Exile, Dungeon Master 2 and Citadel to name but a few. Now there is Worms! I really thought that things just couldn't get much better and now they have. I'll say this right now, this is a definite game for your Christmas list!

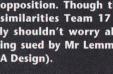
What is worms? Well believe it or not this game is about a bunch of very psychotic worms who are armed to the teeth and intent on blowing the hell out of the worms on the opposing teams. Well why not? The game combines some of the finest points of some of the finest games and putting them all together results in an instant classic.

LEMMINGS?

The first thing a lot of people said when they saw the game was " It's like Lemmings...". Well Not really. It does have similar traits. You have several small creatures and you have several things you can

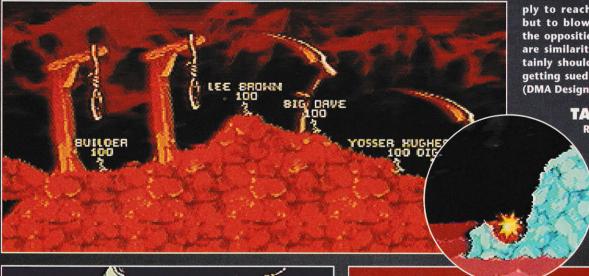
make them do to achieve their goal. There is also a great deal of strategy involved. However the goal of our little creatures is not simply to reach the next room but to blow the hell out of the opposition. Though there are similarities Team 17 certainly shouldn't worry about getting sued by Mr Lemmings (DMA Design).

mean it! Read on and find out why!



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Remember Well there are also some striking similarities here. Again they work very well in this incarnation. little





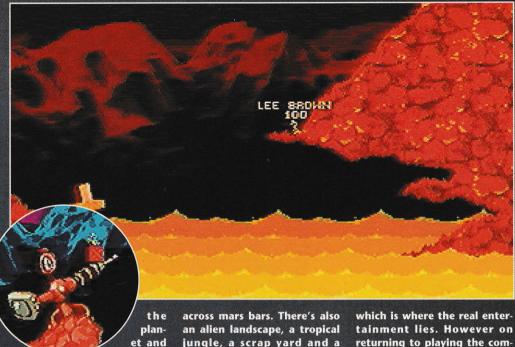




worms may not be in tanks but they have bazookas, grenades, cluster bombs and guided missiles with which to totally destroy the opposition. This often involves aiming carefully and making use of the adjustable power whilst taking into account the wind strength and direction before sending our explosive missiles along the right trajectory to explode in the face of the enemy!

4 BILLION LEVELS?

Yes! You are not mistaken, this game has over four billion levels. It seems that it is possible for the computer to randomly generate the scenes for your shoot out. There are ten types of scene, some admittedly you need 2 meg of chip RAM on board your Amiga. The scenes that these three billion levels are in include the slippery Arctic, hell, a forest with loads of woodland, Mars as in



not the chocolate bar, a desert, candy land where you are more likely to come across mars bars. There's also an alien landscape, a tropical jungle, a scrap yard and a beach. This makes for some serious entertainment where you never know what sort of level you'll be fighting on. If which is where the real entertainment lies. However on returning to playing the computer I realised that the only thing that had been boring was the fact that I had been losing far to often. Now with a bit of practice I was actually winning!



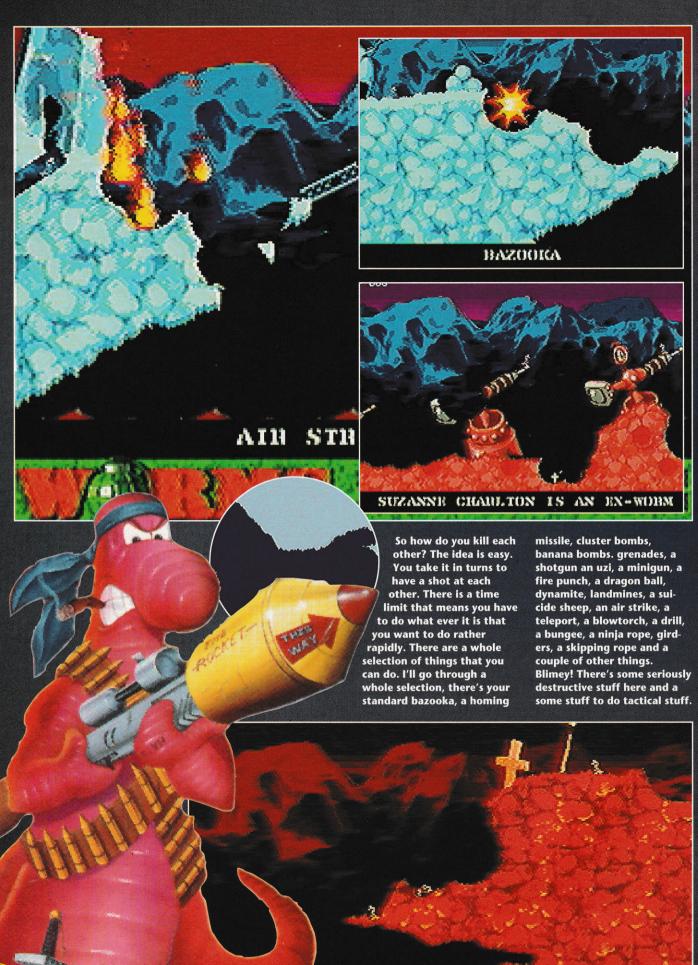


you have the right gear then you can even create your own levels!

16 PLAYERS?

Yup! You can even have up to sixteen of you playing if you've got all the right tackle. When we first started playing we thought that the one player against the computer mode was a bit boring so we started playing each other











THE VERDICT

This is a game that you simply have to stick on your Christmas list. It is so damned good that you simply can't do any better. Even as I write this review I'm playing the game. I simply can't leave it alone. It is an instant classic! The graphics aren't totally amazing, they are however pretty good. The sound is brilliant but there isn't an awful lot of it, especially on the A500. but despite all this it is one of the most playable games that has ever crossed my desk. This is a game that I will constantly go back to even though I get new games every month. The tactical side of the game will keep you going. Just when you think you have the upper hand someone will deliver an air strike that knocks you of the screen or into the water at the bottom of the screen. This is one way of

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dying. You can tunnel below people and plant dynamite, you can carefully aim cluster bombs into hollows where the enemy are hiding, and you can shoot people in the face with a bazooka. this is a destructive game that gives you the satisfaction of blowing worms away and the satisfaction of planning an assault. I simply can't express just how good this game is. I can try but there is simply no way that I'll succeed. Worms probably sounds very simple, however there is actually quite a lot to it. The idea is simple and the way it plays are simple. It is easy to control and it needs to be as the time limit will keep you on your toes to say the least.

A1200 CD32 This A500 version also loads on the A1200 with improved AGA graphics.

A CD32 specific version is in the pipeline, and should be out in the next few weeks.

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Black Magic and Guildhall Leisure Services Ltd are about to bring you another great game. it's called **Extreme Racing** and we've got a preview copy.

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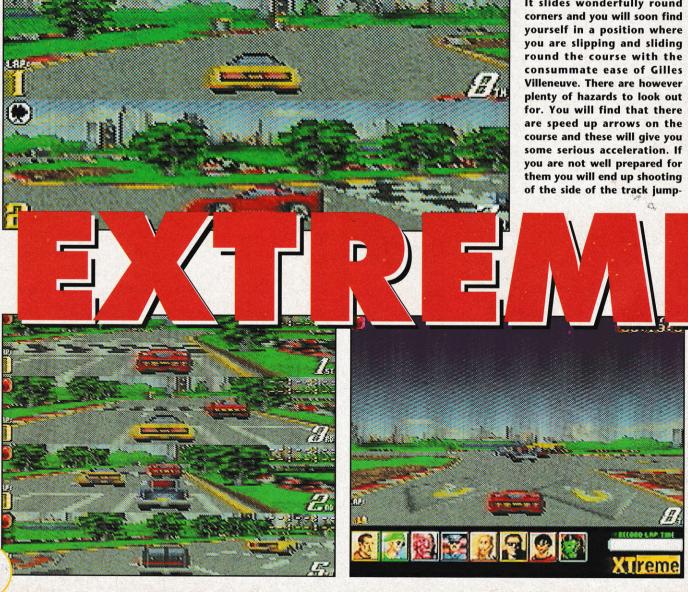
growth of extreme sports and the lifestyle that surrounds them. The idea of taking risks and escaping from the risk free environment of our ever so mundane lives seems to have really inspired people into throwing themselves off buildings, mountain tops and planes with parachutes and all sorts of other extreme life threatening pursuits. Extreme racing on the other hand isn't all that extreme. what I was looking for was some kind of real extreme sport, well I suppose that motor racing is fairly dangerous and this is another game that gives the arm chair enthusiast a chance to head round a track at high speed without doing yourself an injury. That's as long as you don't get over excited and fall off your chair. this game looks like it really could be something quite special. The game itself that we

got our hands on only had three tracks and they were, as you can see from the

grabs, rather similar. What it was all about was demonstrating what the playability will be like. I was shocked to see the least! After an initial shock I soon got to grips with the way the car handled. Since then I've spent ages playing it and slowly improving my performance. It really is pretty

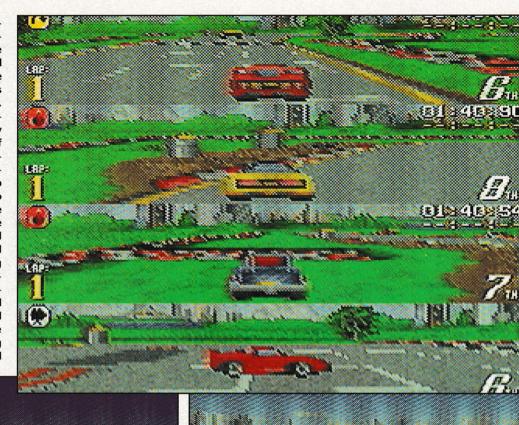
> good and I've yet to experience any of the options that there are. It is rather reminiscent of Mode 7 on the super Nintendo which is a style of graphics that can be found in such games as Mario

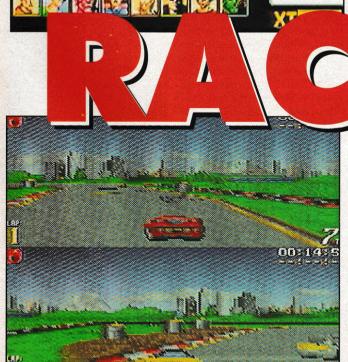
Carts, a stunningly good game that most of us here at Maverick Magazines absolutely love! The car that you choose handles like a dream. It slides wonderfully round corners and you will soon find round the course with the consummate ease of Gilles for. You will find that there course and these will give you some serious acceleration. If them you will end up shooting of the side of the track jump-



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ing over the kerbs and crashing heavily into the tyre barrier! This was the case for me for some time, I think I've had a close up view of every tyre barrier on the three tracks that we were provided with. The speed up arrows are however at the moment the only way to stand a chance of keeping up with the opposition who are simply outrageously quick! Normal top speed is just not enough to really keep up. By using these speed up arrows you will be able to get boosts of speed where you will be propelled along the track at lightening speeds. There are other hazards to look out for that really don't have the same useful aspects. These include oil slicks and rough parts of the track. If you are shooting around the track you will find







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that you may have a few problems if you happen to chance upon the odd oil slick. They are fine if you are going in a straight line but you

will find that if you are sliding along sideways trying to go round the corner then you will totally loose it on hitting one of these patches. The areas of rough ground slow you down and in this game it seems that the slightest drop in average speed will have disastrous results to your finishing position. There is a racing line

for each corner that will allow

you to miss just about all the hazards but I don't think it'll be all that easy to sort out what it is and get good enough to follow it.

There is another hazard that I found on one

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barrels!
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car will simply explode! This is as you can probably imagine not conducive to finishing a race well! The hazards in the tracks that I

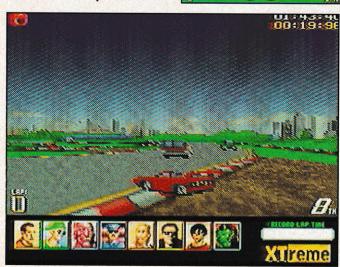
played did not however end here. There is the cross over. It is quite easy to be shunted of course by a car that is going through the cross over at a ninety degree angle to you! You will sometimes see them flying overhead as they jump you. This is another hazard to look out for. Yellow strips on the track that act as jumps. you will find them situated at awkward positions where you are trying to battle it out with another car round a corner for instance, and then suddenly you have hit one of these yellow strips and you are heading towards the tyre barriers at enormous speed! That kind of does in any chances you have! The other problem is the fact that the other competitors are

quite ready to ram you at any opportunity they have. Infact the more I think about this the more I understand why it's called extreme racing.

there's a lot of this game that we haven't yet seen but if it's anything as good as what we have seen then we will be looking at an excellent game. This looks like it is going to be a very challenging driving game for all Amiga users and that's OK by me, as far as I'm concerned you can't get enough driving and racing games, though I have to admit that what I'm really looking forward to is Pole Position F1 Team Manager from Ascon, this is one release that I've been looking forward to for a long long time. So are there any bad points in the preview copy that might need fine tuning? No not really, and it's rare that you can say that about any preview game let alone one that is obviously as rough and unfinished as the one we received. With all previews you have to remember that the game we are looking at is often a long way from being the finished product, often a lot of changes are made to improve the finished product, often beyond recognition. This is a game that when polished is potentially a classic game.







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What sort of options are there yet to be seen? Well it will be possible for up to eight players to race against each other, four on a machine with a serial link up or modem link. There will be eight different cars to choose from including a police car, a Ferrari and a VW Beetle. There are going to be loads of different tracks including a water world, a radioactive world and normal roads and there will be a battle mode where you simply kill each other! This really has got the makings of a first class game!

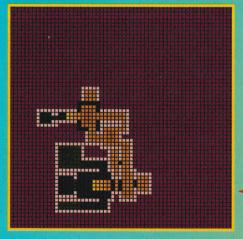


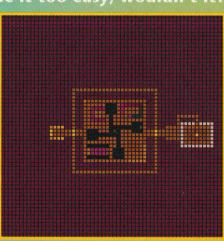


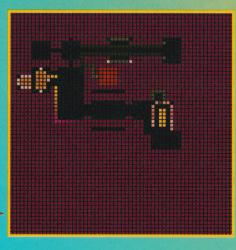




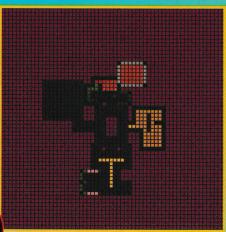
It scored a superb 87% and it represents a real challenge, and here's where we come in. Fancy knowing your way round before you get to the next level? Well these maps ought to help you out then! We could, of course, point out where everything is, but surely that would make it too easy, wouldn't it?

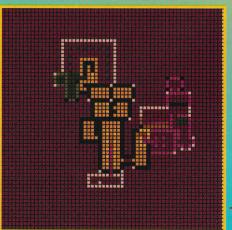






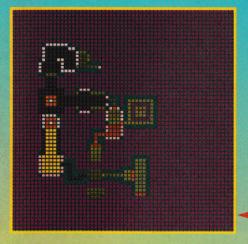


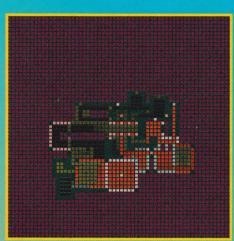




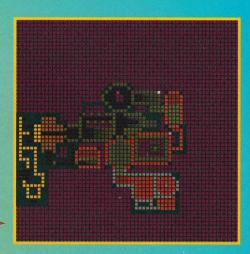
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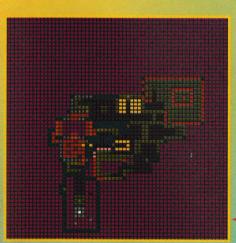




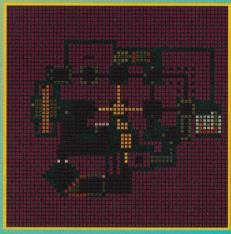


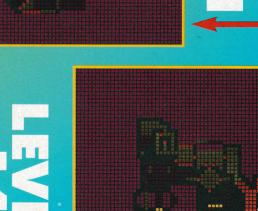




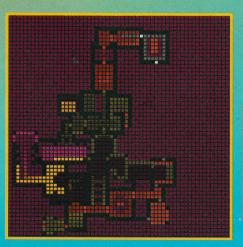


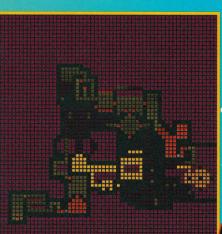








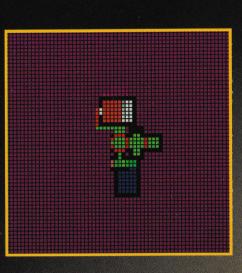




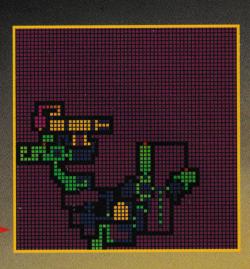




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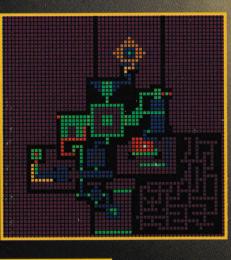




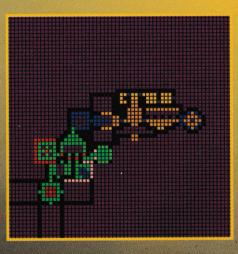


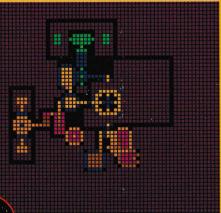




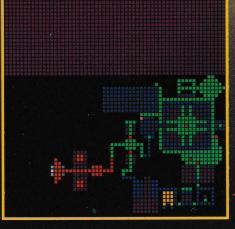














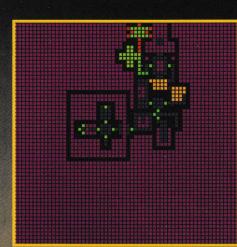
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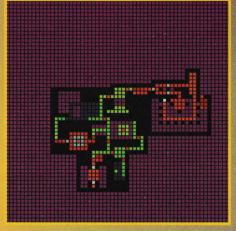




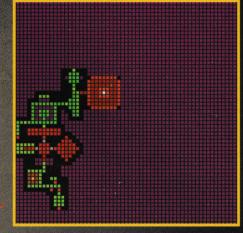


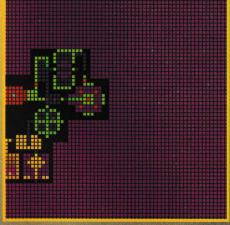




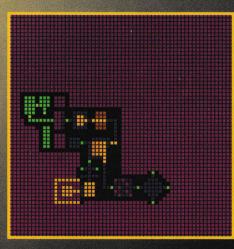






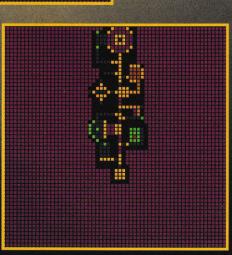




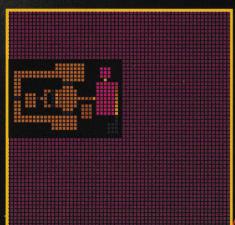












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(PRECOMMENDED)

ALADDIN

Publisher: Virgin
Issue Reviewed: November 94
Amazing graphics in this platform conversion from the Disney
movie. Shorter than some, but
longer than your average magic
carpet ride, Aladdin takes the
Amiga by the scruff of the neck
and bellows 'A Whole New
World' in its face.



A.B. TOWER ASSAULT

Publisher: Team 17
Issue Reviewed: January 1995
Team 17 is back on familiar territory with this, the sequel to the sequel that first established the company as one of Britain's leading Amiga developers. It's more of the same, but this time with some Towers in it.



A.T.R.

Publisher: Team 17
Issue Reviewed: March 1995
All Terrain Racing is what you
get in this tyre-shredding
bumpathon with excitementshaped knobs on. If you fancy
sucking a Death Race 2000
meets Spaghetti Junctionflavoured gob-stopper, then ATR
is one sweetle you'll savour.



BANSHEE

Publisher: Core
Issue Reviewed: July 1994
Banshee is a roller-coaster ride
to hell. In a buzz-bird called
Banshee. Test your trigger finger
and powers of concentration in
this Tora! Tora!-tastic one or
two-player flight of fantasy er...
blowing things to kingdom
come.



BUBBA 'N' STIX

Publisher: Core
Issue Reviewed: January 1994
More platformular near-perfection from Core with this beautifully programmed game. A bit on the brief side, but as original as a young white trash meets magic piece of wood, meets bad blobs in a tricky-situation-type of scenario can be.



CANNON FODDER

Publisher: Virgin
Issue Reviewed: Dec 1993
War, according to those wacky
Sensible boys, has never been so
much fun, and we're inclined to
agree. It might look like a simple
run around and blast everything
affair, but there's a surprising
amount of strategy involved.



THE

Publisher: Black Legend Issue Reviewed: Sept 1994 Become London's next Mr Big without ever leaving your room! Yes, The Clue is the proof that crime plays! From humble tealeafery to bigger blagues wiv' shooters 'n' slags, you've got to stay one step ahead of the 'Filth'.



CRYSTAL DRAGON

Publisher: Black Legend
Issue Reviewed: December 1994
Good Lord, it's a tad expensive,
but by crikey 'tis the best ever
RPG in the sacred board game
style, featuring dragons, er some
crystal, and the usual gang of
consonant-heavy characters
stuck in a tricky situation with
an evil wizard.



DAWN PATROL

Publisher: Empire Issue Reviewed: April 1995
Action packed, as flight sims go, the third sortie for Rowan's impressive 3D engine is the easiest to fly and the most arcadey since KOTS. New pilots should start here, but only flight sim junkies will wish to own all Rowan's games.



FI

Publisher: Domark
Issue Reviewed: February 1994
From the Frenchmen who
brought you Vroom! comes the
official F1 licence. Actually, c'est
Vroom Deux, encore vite, but
avec le fab two-player mode. F1
buffs might think it un peu
unrealistique, mais for the
arcade lover, c'est tres bon!



So, it certainly isn't August this month, although it has been for the last two months according to our recommended guide. Instead we offer you the superb autumn month of October, and here's your ex-editor Lee Brown with a quick guide to all the....



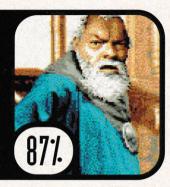
FIFA INT. SOCCER

Publisher: Elec. Arts
Issue Reviewed: October 1994
FIFA's here at last and it's great!
A bit slow maybe, and rather too
much diskular swap foolery, but
nevertheless a solid attempt at
putting realism back into the
beautiful game. FIFA is a totally
different way of stringing the
old onion-bag.



ISHAR 3

Publisher: Daze
Issue Reviewed: Sep 1994
Ishar's back and this time c'est
trois! Wohratax the dragon is
created Lord of Sith for being
bad. More silly names and fanciful plot twists from our Froggy
chums in this sequel to the
sequel avec les knobs enorme,
er... sur.



FLINK

Publisher: Psygnosis
Issue Reviewed: February 1995
Crisis cocks its leg on Fairyland
as Top Crystals go awol from the
four kingdoms. Luckily, that
Flink is bounces across the level
playing fields and puts pay to
the evil Wainright with some
spell-binding CD32 graphics! At
a magical £14.99!



JAMES POND 3

Publisher: Millennium
Issue Reviewed: June 1994
The third Pond platformer is
huge. And fast. In operation
Starfi5h Pond weighs in with a
Connery of a performance to set
against his Dalton in Robocod.
OK, so there's less colour, but
there is more character and
more gameplay.



GENESIA

Publisher: Team 17
Issue Reviewed: Dec 1993
Huge society-building thing, similar to The Settlers, but not as easy to get in to straight away.
Start off with a tiny tribe, and watch your fellas grow into something that makes the Roman Empire look like a chain of cheap Pizza Restaurants.



JUNGLE STRIKE

Publisher: Ocean
Issue Reviewed: December 1994
Helicopters galore, but not, it
must be owned-up to, all that
much jungle, in this the successor to Desert Strike. This is
Comanche territory, so it may
come as a surprise to learn that
we can recommend it to you
without reservation. (Doh!)



GUARDIAN

Publisher: Acid Software Issue Reviewed: November 1994 What's this, an original CD32 game that's got oodles of playability? Yes, it's true!! Guardian is the game you've been waiting for. You are in space and have



K240

Publisher: Gremlin Issue Reviewed: May 1994 Populous with asteroids, that's what this is. Explore space to find some asteroids. Colonise 'em. Exploit 'em. Zap every allei in a race for galactic domination. Build fleets, trade things, mine stuff. Oh, how we loved it.



HEIMDALL 2

Publisher: Core
Issue Reviewed: Dec 1993
Heimdall 2 is great. It's got
action, adventure and puzzle
solving with a smattering of
humour in all the right places.
Blood, runes, orcs, magic, etc.
and added love interest in the
shape of the saucy Ursula.
Phwaor!



KID

Publisher: Ocean
Issue Reviewed: August 1994
Crazy story, crazy game. The kid
from the cretaceous age clubs
through platforms like a T-Rex
after a jet-propelled cow. It's
parallax paradise, and the only
game more satisfyingly violent
than hitting a bank of stinging
nettles with a big stick.



(PRECOMMENDED)

LEMMINGS

Publisher: Psygnosis
Issue Reviewed: January 1995
There's an old Greenland saying
that goes. "Once, there was
Lemmings, then Lemmings 2 and
now there is All New Lemmings,
and not, as we previously suspected, Lemmings 3. But, hey,
what's in a name." Bonkers eh?



PGA EURO TOUR Publisher : Ocean

Publisher: Ocean
Issue Reviewed: Dec 1994
The best golf sim by about 440
yards, and bags more fun than
the real thing, which is admittedly, not a very hard thing to
be. Thanks to Ocean you and
your friends need never touch
Woosie's horrid Welch niblick
again. Hurrah!



LIBERATION CAPTIVE 2

Publisher: Mindscape
Issue Reviewed: Dec 1993
An atmospheric RPG with a sexy
intro! Really shows off the capabilities of Commodore's CD32 to
the full and nearly as nice on the
A1200. Basically you have to find
out what's going on in this big
city where the robots have
gone mad.



PINBALL

Publisher: 21st Century
Issue Reviewed: January 1995
Fast and furious flipper-driven
action for lovers of all things
tilt-ilating and tabular. What
else can you say? I don't want to
mention the 'Babewatch' table
again. This is a family magazine.
Read any decent books lately
anyone...?



MORTAL KOMBAT 2

Publisher: Acclaim
Issue Reviewed: January 1995
More MK, but with a classier
look to go with the Roman
numerals. Weird end-of-bout
happenings to out-fox Snippy
the Censor, but basically, hard as
a pie baked in Hell's Kitchen and
about twice as hot!



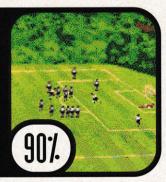
PUTTY

Publisher: System 3
Issue Reviewed: August 1994
Putty Squad knocks several
buckets of poo out of Putty.
Thrill to 36 levels of squishy blue
fun, which is more squishy blue
fun than you can have asqueezin' things in a policeman's
trousers. Probably. Long-lasting
platform fun.



ON THE BALL

Publisher: Daze
Issue Reviewed: Sep 1994
The only thing OTB lacks is Brian
Moore. Fresh as a daisy and as
deep as a devil's bit scabious,
here's a footy management sim
to wander through wearing a
big shirt, to linger in and make a
fragrant posy for your sweetheart with.



ROADKILL

Publisher: Acid Software Issue Reviewed: January 1995 'Don't go buzzing around in that car, killing people, you bugger!' No, it's not a gritty new ad campaign from the DOT but a warning against Roadkill, the game that puts death back into driving. Probably not Sponsored by BSM.



OUT TO LUNCH

Publisher: Mindscape Issue Reviewed: July 1994 His cupboard is bare, and so poor Pierre le Chef is on a tour around some exotic locations to re-stock his larder. Out to Lunch is a tasty platform patisserie with sprites that take the biscuit. And that's no word of a pie!



RUFF 'N' TUMBLE

Publisher: Renegade
Issue Reviewed: August 1994
Cute but curmudgeonly Ruff has
lost his marbles, so that means
mayhem in platformular mode
for the likes of me 'n' thee. This
game is like Michaelangelo's
best pencil, because it's right at
the sharp end of the platform
renaissance.



...games which ought to be in your collection. Funny thing is though, that the text is an awful lot like it used to in The Emap One. And mroe curiously, the write up for PGA Euro Tour was the same as Cannon Fodder for the past 2 months! Go figure.



THE SETTLERS

Publisher: Blue Byte Issue Reviewed: Dec1993
Your typical god game, but this time with a medieval setting for your diminutive charges as they build things, do things and keep rivals at bay. Try leaving them at it all night and see what the little blighters have achieved by the morning.



S.W.O.S.

Publisher: Renegade
Issue Reviewed: January 1995
It's Sensi, Brian, but now it's a
game of two halves! Tactics,
transfers and injuries plus That
Zambian League in full. Then
look out! Computer teams heading the ball and keepers with
less butter on their gloves. The
same, only different-er.



SHADOW FIGHTER

Publisher: Gremlin
Issue Reviewed: February 1995
Umbered BEU-tification from
Spaghetti Land, where running
away from the fray is considered
'normale'. There are no white
flags on this baby, though, as
she crouches Streetfighter-ishly
in the gloom and snarls: 'La
donna è moblie'. Not half!



THEME PARK

Publisher: EA
Issue Reviewed: October 1994
Alton Towers, Alton Showers
more like! Euro Disney, c'est
Eurodisma!! How do I know?
Because I've licked Theme Park
right down to the stick and tasted Sim heaven. What's more, I
have sniffed the bottom line
and it smells lovely.



SIMON THE SORCEROR

Publisher: AdventureSoft
Issue Reviewed: February 1994
The Brits at AdventureSoft take
on the Yankee might of
LucasArts and Sierra with this
humorous graphic adventure—
and Iose. But only just. The
interface just isn't as good. The
puzzles are tough, but don't let
that put you off.



UFO

Publisher: MicroProse
Issue Reviewed: December 1994
'Hello Planet Earth' say oddlooking blokes with frog-spawn
guts. 'Eat lead you fiends from
another world, you', replies
Porky Pig. Not really. Save the
planet, and that takes strategy,
dosh and whole ice-cream
scoops of death.



SKIDMARKS 2

Publisher: Acid Software Issue Reviewed: April 1995 More isometric raceware that's a bit arse as a one player-game, but a real crowd pleaser when two or three are gathered together for a few laps. The introduction of cows allows us to say that in the beef stakes, Skids 2 is a big fat juicy rump.



WIZ 'N LIZ

Publisher: Psygnosis
Issue Reviewed: November 1993
A game that's so much better
with two, this cute platformer is
transformed when the both of
you do it. Compete for the collection of coloured rabbits in a
magical split-screen race against
the clock. Now a budgety
£12.99, by crikey.



SUPER STARDUST

Publisher: Bloodhouse
Issue Reviewed: December 1994
Super Stardust, then. Or even the
now-budgetular Stardust are the
ultimate Asteroids clones. Their
graphics kiss your eyeball repeatedly and whisper, 'Come with me
Earthling, and I will show you
the meaning of pleasure.'



X-IT

Publisher: Psygnosis
Issue Reviewed: October 1994
OK, which arse changed the title
of this game? The top puzzler of
'94 was Zonked!, now it's X-IT.
Apparently, the new title is
clever play on words. Exit — XIT.
See? I think the people who
come up with these things are
marvellous.



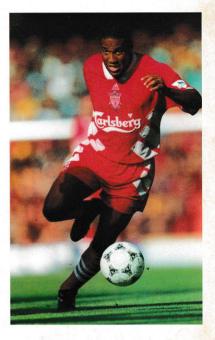
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